



# COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE

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### **CJTF-OIR Strike Summary Dec. 9 – Dec. 15**

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners continue to pursue the lasting defeat of ISIS in designated parts of Iraq and Syria.

Operation Roundup, which began May 1 to defeat ISIS in the Middle Euphrates River Valley and Iraqi- Syrian border region, has continued to gain ground and remove terrorists from the battlefield through offensive operations coupled with precision Coalition strike support.

Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve and its partner forces' operations are exerting pressure on ISIS senior leaders and associates, as well as degrading, disrupting and dismantling ISIS organizational structures throughout Iraq and Syria.

Operation Roundup will continue to target ISIS as the Coalition remains committed to the lasting defeat of ISIS to increase peace and stability in the region, and to protect all our homelands from ISIS's terrorist threat.

#### **Weekly Strike Summary**

Between Dec. 9 and Dec. 15, CJTF-OIR conducted 208 strikes consisting of 378 engagements in Syria.

On Dec. 15 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 47 strikes consisting of 90 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Hajin, 47 strikes engaged 20 ISIS tactical units, and destroyed 21 fighting positions, 32 staging areas, two petroleum oil and lubricant facilities, one command and control node, one tunnel, seven supply routes, one petroleum oil and lubricant tanker, one tactical vehicle and suppressed two mortar firing positions.

On Dec. 15 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

On Dec. 14 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 27 strikes consisting of 41 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Hajin, 27 strikes engaged two ISIS tactical units, and destroyed 18 fighting positions, five staging areas, four supply routes, two heavy weapons systems and suppressed two mortar firing positions.

On Dec. 14 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

On Dec. 13 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 32 strikes consisting of 57 engagements against ISIS

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targets.

- Near Hajin, 32 strikes destroyed 26 fighting positions, 11 staging areas, five supply routes, one petroleum oil and lubricant storage facility, and one piece of heavy equipment, suppressed one mortar firing position and damaged one fighting position.

On Dec. 13 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

On Dec. 12 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 26 strikes consisting of 52 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Hajin, 25 strikes engaged 11 ISIS tactical units, and destroyed 18 fighting positions, four staging areas, five supply routes, three petroleum oil and lubricant facilities, two financial nodes, one improvised explosive device facility and damaged three fighting positions.
- Near Abu Kamal, one strike destroyed one fighting position.

On Dec. 12 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

On Dec. 11 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 21 strikes consisting of 43 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Hajin, 21 strikes engaged 15 ISIS tactical units, and destroyed 16 fighting positions, five staging areas, two supply routes, one improvised explosive device facility, one building, one piece of engineering equipment, one vehicle and suppressed one mortar.

On Dec. 11 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

On Dec. 10 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 29 strikes consisting of 59 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Hajin, 29 strikes engaged 17 ISIS tactical units, and destroyed 25 fighting positions, three tunnels, one supply route, one command and control node, one petroleum oil and lubricant facility, one staging area, one mortar tube, one heavy weapons system, one building, damaged one vehicle and suppressed one mortar firing position.

On Dec. 10 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

On Dec. 9, 2018 in Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 26 military strikes consisting of 36 engagements against ISIS targets.

- Near Hajin, 26 strikes engaged five ISIS tactical units, and destroyed 16 fighting positions, two command and control nodes, two staging areas, one weapons caches, one weapon storage facility, one

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petroleum oil lubricant site, one command and control node, and damaged one vehicle, one staging area, one fighting position and suppressed one mortar and one mortar firing position.

On Dec. 9 in Iraq, Coalition military forces did not conduct any strikes.

Between Dec. 9 and Dec. 15, CJTF-OIR detected 112 strikes from other actors that crossed the Euphrates River Valley. CJTF-OIR is committed to avoiding and in every case minimizing civilian casualties; CJTF-OIR calls on all other actors in the area to observe the same precautions.

This Coalition strike release contains all strikes conducted by fighter, attack, bomber, rotary-wing, or remotely piloted aircraft, rocket propelled artillery and ground-based tactical artillery.

A strike, as defined in the Coalition release, refers to one or more kinetic engagements that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect in that location. For example, a single aircraft delivering a single weapon against a lone ISIS vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of ISIS-held buildings and weapon systems in a compound, having the cumulative effect of making that facility harder or impossible to use. Strike assessments are based on initial reports and may be refined.

CJTF-OIR does not report the number or type of aircraft employed in a strike, the number of munitions dropped in each strike, or the number of individual munition impact points against a target. The information used to compile the daily strike releases is based on 'Z' or Greenwich Mean Time.

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